

Harry L. Bratt

October 15, 1925 - November 15, 2018

Harry L. Bratt, 93, passed away November 15, 2018 at Village Shalom. Harry was born October 15, 1925 in Kansas City, MO, the son of Rifka Deckelbaum Bratt and Issie Bratt.

Harry started out in the salvage business that led to selling new parts as East Side Auto Parts, the largest independent auto parts store in Kansas City. He was always ahead of his time. He was the first to offer foreign car parts, transmission parts, have a computer and buy direct from the manufacturer. He decided he wanted to be open 366 ½ days a year. He started the trend of auto parts stores staying open till 9:00pm. He wanted to help his customers. If they could not pay, he always let them take the part and pay him when they could. He always had a dog and always had a story about his Mickey.

Harry was preceded in death by his parents, his wife of 52 years, Jean G. Bratt, in November 2005 and by his sisters: Jean Braunstein, Frances Duberstein, Mary Gortenburg and Helen Sokol.

Surviving are his children: Rose (Donnie) Williams, California; Cheryl (Dennis) Hogan, Kansas City; Jack Bratt (Paul Aulgur), Eureka Springs, AR; grandchildren: Anne Ramirez, James Halloran, Daniel Hogan and Rivka Taylor. He is also survived by 7 great-grandchildren.

The family would like to thank the awesome, caring staff of Village Shalom.

Private family burial. A memorial service will be held at 6:00pm Sunday, November 18, 2018 at Village Shalom, 5500 W. 123rd St., Overland Park, KS 66209. Kindly omit flowers; the family suggests contributions to Village Shalom employee's holiday thank you fund.

Events

NOV **Memorial service** 06:00PM
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Village Shalom

5500 W. 123rd St., Overland Park, KS, US

Comments



“ I had the pleasure of knowing Harry for what must be close to 10years.Harry was a great story teller.I never grew tired of his stories even if you sort of heard it before it did not matter because it was always slightly different.
Harry loved to go out for breakfast he always gave the staff a hard time.He use to love to tell anybody who would listen about how he broke his hip by tripping over his dog whom he had much affection for.
Harry was the proud owner of Eastside Auto Parts and he always amazed me by how many part numbers he had memorized.
Through my own ups and downs Harry could always make me laugh.No matter what when it was time for me to leave he would always ask me if there was anything he could do for me.
Harry loved being Harry.
He was a great friend and I am going to miss him dearly.
My condolences to Cheryl, Dennis and to the rest of his family.

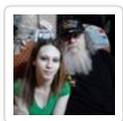
Edward Smerdon - November 17, 2018 at 03:47 PM



“ Harry was the father who always had a luxurious Lincoln in which his son Jack would pick me up and take me to dates at the drive-in movies in my early teens. I felt like 15 year old royalty at the I 40 Drive Inn in the late 1970's! Thank you, Harry, for teaching your son to be best date of my teenage years. Harry was wise beyond wise and raised a family of 3 kids amidst some challenging circumstance later in that fatherhood act. I remember Harry as being an automatic ally of hid kids' friends. He was a kind and wise-cracking man who was so tolerant of long, long hair and other bad habits. Rose, Cheryl and Jack--and all your family members--I share your sorrow in the passing of your iconic father. He was a wonderful man.

Sincerely, in shared emotion,
Your friend Sarah Martin Douglas

Sarah Douglas - November 16, 2018 at 10:38 PM



“ Hoppy Moore wife and daughter will miss Harry very much. H
We our sad at his passing. He was a very great man. He was one of the first friends that we took our daughter Emma Lois to so he could see her.

Hoppy - November 17, 2018 at 10:02 PM



“ Harry was a great friend and taught me a lot about the parts business. There's not a day goes by i don't think of him as I work everyday. I'm so glad I got to spend many years with him and be a part of his life. I will truly miss my friend and my visits with him.



Crystal Miles - November 16, 2018 at 07:31 PM



“ Harry taught me how to live, how to laugh, how to have fun, and how to relish the automotive parts business. It was in October of 1994 that I went to work alongside my Mentor and Friend Harry. We kept in touch and visited continually up to and including Village Shalom. He never lost his sense of humor, quick wit, and his humbleness. As my Mentor and Friend I owe much of my current situation in Life to him. Never will I forget Harry, or stop holding Him close to my Heart.



Kent Kurtz - November 16, 2018 at 03:41 PM



“ Harry has been my inspiration for locating parts, through his teachings has showed me that out in the world somewhere is the part you are looking for, I will always cherish the time I spent with him and East Side Auto Parts. He will be missed.



Barney Andrade - November 16, 2018 at 01:53 PM



“ Harry was my automotive mentor since I was about age ten. His wealth of automotive knowledge was extremely massive especially with the older cars and trucks. Working alongside him at Eastside Auto Parts was always interesting as he was a great automotive teacher and I also picked up a few Yiddish curse words that I still remember to this day. He kept me interested in automotive which has always and

still is a major factor in my life today. I am so glad I went to go see him at Village Shalom a few months ago. He will be deeply missed.

Robert & Jan Sokol

Robert Sokol - November 16, 2018 at 01:23 PM



“ Every time I saw Harry he always made me laugh. He had a great sense of humor and was always smart-assy! Thanks for the memories, with Love, Anne (granddaughter)

Anne Halloran Ramirez - November 16, 2018 at 12:47 PM



“ I was in Scout Troop 53 with Harry and friends for many years. My condolences to the Bratt Family. Harold Price

Harold Price - November 16, 2018 at 11:54 AM



“ We were saddened to hear of the passing of Harry. It is always hard to learn of the passing of a member of the family. Harry was a first cousin to my mother, Sarah Bratt Schere. May his memory be for a blessing.

Rickie and Dr. Ed Haith

Rickie Haith - November 24, 2018 at 12:29 PM